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1. REFERENCE PARA 4 REFTTEL A. GENERAL TONE OF 16 SEPT MEETING WAS THAT THE FRG, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE FRG BY NAME, SHOULD MAKE POLITICAL CONCESSION OR GESTURE IN THE INTEREST OF SOLIDARITY AND FUTURE COOPERATION, RATHER THAN DRAG OUT THE IMPASSE ON THE BASIS OF TECHNICAL DETAILS WHICH FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, AND THE NETHERLANDS CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF A "FORCE MAJEURE".

2. THERE WAS AT NO TIME ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE US MAKE ANY CONCESSION, ESPECIALLY FINANCIAL, OTHER THAN TO RECOGNIZE THAT AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION WAS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS & NATO, AND NOT JUST A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY. BRUCE

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